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In Reply Refer To: GE 973E

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Mr. Ben Marchive II
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Dear Mr. Marchive:

By letter dated August 22, 2022, and additional information received September 2 through November 1, 2022, Cox Operating, L.L.C. (Cox) requests a Suspension of Production (SOP) and an activity schedule for the South Timbalier (ST) Block 21, S-4 Sand Unit, Agreement No. 754308004. The unit consists of portions of Lease OCS 0263 and Louisiana State Lease No. 1423, and was held by production through August 27, 2022.

Unit production ceased on August 27, 2021, when Cox secured the ST Block 21 field due to the approach of Hurricane Ida. On August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida caused significant damage to both the surface facilities and the pipeline infrastructure in the ST Block 21 field. Cox expects to repair and reinstate the facilities and pipelines and install a new pipeline necessary to restore unit production by the end of May 2023.

In accordance with Articles X and XI of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP and activity schedule for the ST Block 21, S-4 Sand Unit are hereby approved from August 28, 2022, through May 31, 2023. Cox, or any subsequent operator, is expected to follow the enclosed activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month that a deadline is scheduled. This approval is conditioned upon approval by the State of Louisiana, Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or imran.vahora@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,



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